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ITALY.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, *February 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected during the week ended February 4: On January 31, steamship *Sardinian Prince*, bound for New Orleans via Havana and Central American ports; 3 cabin passengers were inspected and passed. On February 1, steamship *Columbia*, Hamburg-American Line, bound for New York; 14 cabin and 58 steerage passengers and 63 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed.

Respectfully, RUPERT BLUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Naples—Smallpox increasing.

NAPLES, ITALY, *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended February 7, 1900, there were no bills of health issued. The number of Italian towns in which smallpox has appeared is increasing, especially in northern Italy.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Italy raises quarantine against Egypt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose copy of a note from Italian ambassador at this capital, reporting that his Government has raised the quarantine against vessels coming from Egypt.

Respectfully, JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have received the following telegram from the royal ministry of the interior:

"ROME, *February 7, 1900.*

"*Italian Embassy, Washington:*

"By to-day's ordnance of Maritime Health, No. 40, the preceding ordnance of December 23, No. 16, is repealed. Vessels coming from Egypt, therefore, will not henceforward be subjected to any special treatment.

"BERTOLINI."

This telegram refers to that, a copy of which I had the honor to transmit you in my note of December 23, 1899.

Respectfully, FAVA.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Quarantine against Hawaiian Islands, New Caledonia, and the Ohman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose copies of two notes from the Italian ambassador at this capital reporting that his Government has declared

a quarantine against the Hawaiian Islands, New Caledonia, and the Ohman.

Respectfully, JOHN HAY, *Secretary of State.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have received, and now send you a copy of the following telegram from the royal minister of the interior:

"ROME, *February 11, 1900.*

"*Italian Embassy, Washington:*

"By to-day's ordinance of Maritime Health, No. 5, the ports of New Caledonia, the Hawaiian Islands and Ohman are declared infected with the bubonic plague, and the provisions of the ordinances of May 8, 1897, No. 3; July 15, 1897, No, 6, and January 23, 1900, No. 1, will be applied to vessels coming from those ports. The operations of maritime health will be effected exclusively at the ports of Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, Palermo, Messina, Brindisi, and Venice, which alone can, therefore, be the first landing place of such vessels.

"BERTOLINI, *For the Minister.*"

Respectfully,

FAVA.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Precautions against plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the evening of it's dispatch, of your cablegram of the 20th instant, as follows: "Eggs packed in and vegetables from infected soil forbidden. Notify Hongkong, Amoy, and Kobe," and to report that, in accordance therewith, I immediately telegraphed Passed Assistant Surgeon Perry, at Hongkong, A. B. Johnson, United States consul at Amoy, and Acting Asst. Surg. J. B. Fowler, at Kobe, and, in addition to J. W. Davidson, United States consul at Tamsui, Formosa, and C. B. Harris, United States consul at Nagasaki, the 2 officials last mentioned belonging to the district of this consulate-general, and Tamsui, in particular, being a point of danger on account of the existence of plague there, and the frequent shipment from that port of cycads and other plants.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of circular to shipping companies issued by me in accordance with your cablegram of the 20th instant.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure—Circular.]

YOKOHAMA, *January 21, 1900.*

SIR: In accordance with instructions received by cable from Washington, the shipment to United States territory, including Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, of the following articles from any region affected by plague is prohibited.

Eggs packed in loam or clay.
Bulbs packed in loam or clay.
Plants or vegetables grown in infected soil.